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Your organization (if applicable)

- NA

What regulations you wish to change. Include management unit number and species. Quote the current regulation if known. If you are proposing a new regulation, please state, "new regulation."

- Rescind the closure to the harvest of salmon in the McLees Lake drainage, excepting within 300 feet of a weir or fish ladder, by Federally qualified subsistence users. Modify regulations to allow harvest of salmon by rod and reel only. King Salmon may be taken from January 1-July 25 as follows: bag and possession limits of 2 for fish 20 inches or greater, five fish annual limit; bag and possession limits of five and 10 fish, respectively for fish under 20 inches. Salmon other than King Salmon may be taken as follows: bag and possession limits of five and 10 fish, respectively, for fish 20 inches or greater; bag and possession limits of 10 fish for salmon other than King Salmon under 20 inches.

Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written in the regulations

Aleutian Islands Area

§ __.27(e)(6)

(iv) You may not subsistence fish for salmon in the following waters:

(D) Waters of McLees Lake and its tributaries and outlet stream

(ix) You may subsistence fish for salmon with rod and reel only in the following locations:

(A) McLees Lake drainage

(1) King Salmon: may be taken only from January 1 through July 25

(i) 20 inches or greater in length; bag and possession limit of two fish; annual limit of five fish;

(ii) Less than 20 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish; no annual limit;

(2) Salmon other than king salmon that are:

(i) 20 inches or greater in length; bag limit of five fish and a possession limit of 10 fish;

(ii) Less than 20 inches in length; bag and possession limit of 10 fish;

Explain why this regulation change should be made

This proposal allows Federally qualified subsistence users to harvest salmon by rod and reel in an area that is currently closed to Federal subsistence uses. The Federal Subsistence Board adopted this closure in 2001 to minimize disruption of the State's management of fish. Since 2001, use has been closed to Federally qualified subsistence users under State and Federal regulations but open to sport fishing under State regulations.

The Council is interested in providing Federal subsistence opportunity in the McLees Lake drainage through a conservation-minded approach. This proposal would limit gear type to rod and reel and enact limits in line with the State of Alaska sport fish regulations, meeting the requirements of ANILCA Title VIII. The Council recognizes that harvest of salmon with traditional subsistence means, methods and limits under Area Federal subsistence regulations could pose a conservation threat to this critically important population.